

VISITORS WELCOME

If you are a 1st time visitor, welcome, and we have a gift for you! See the table in the Narthex by the church office, or visit The Hub to get your copy. We hope you find this book informative and inspiring. See you next week!

FREE BIBLES

CCPC has free Bibles for anyone who would like one. If you don't currently have a Bible, or if your only Bible is ancient, we would like to give you this gift, no questions asked! Pick up your copy at The Hub!

LIVE STREAMING

CCPC live streams our worship services every Sunday morning. Please join us in spirit by going to www.covenantcommunitypc.org/live-stream. You can also view archives of past services and sermons.

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COVENANT COMMUNITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Embracing all. Feeding spirits. Reflecting Christ...
Changing lives forever!



SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2020 - 10:00 A.M.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN:
DIAMONDS IN THE ROUGH

Covenant Community Presbyterian Church
1806 Weston Avenue in Schofield, WI
Sunday, March 8th, 2020 - 10 a.m.
On The Road Again: Diamonds in the Rough

Gathering Around the Word

Prelude:

Chriss Altis

Quiet Reflection and Preparation for Worship:

This year we will read through the Book of Acts together, considering how the story of the early church might shape and guide our own congregation's story. Like Acts itself, we are Unfinished. Study this week's Acts passage and note the additional readings for the week in the Unfinished brochure or on our website.

Announcements VISITORS: Please fill out a connection card found in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

Lighting of the Candles:

Call to Worship:

1 Peter 2:9

*You are a chosen race,
A royal priesthood,
A holy nation,
God's own people,*

*In order that you might proclaim the mighty acts of him
Who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.*

***Hymn:**

"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy" (vs. 1,3,4)

#305

***Call to Confession:**

Although Christ has made us holy, we have not lived entirely as holy people this week. His example reminds us of where we have fallen short. So let us make our confession to God and one another.

FOOD PANTRY SHOPPERS NEEDED— Volunteers are needed to pickup food orders from Aldi's and/or Dollar Tree and stock our shelves in the Food Pantry area. You can sign up for one or more months. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Gebauer (715-573-6477 or gebauerr@charter.net). A *sign up sheet* is available at *The Hub*.

CAR RIDES TO COVENANT—If you are in need of a lift to and from worship, or would like to participate in providing this service, please consider signing up for "Car Rides to Covenant" at The Hub. If you have any questions about this service group, please contact Bill Rhodes at 715-803-0025 or billrhodes6514@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDIES & SMALL GROUPS

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH—Our women's Bible study and lunch continues *THIS* Tuesday, March 10 at 12pm, and continues every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. We are spending the year studying the Book of Revelation with lunch being served each week. Please bring \$5 to help cover the cost if you plan on eating. Contact Jim Gates with questions!

YOUTH, CHILDREN & FAMILY

SALT & LIGHT YOUTH GROUP— Salt and Light Youth Group continues *THIS* Wednesday, March 11 at 6pm in Bouldin Hall for all 6th through 12th grade students. Don't come alone; invite your friends to experience it with you! Please note that on Wednesday, March 18, we will be heading to the Salvation Army to serve their ministry. More information to come! If you have any questions, please contact Dan Frost at dan@covenantcommunitypc.org.

SECRET A.G.E.N.T.S. REVEAL PARTY—We close out the second year of our Secret A.G.E.N.T.S. ministry with a "Reveal Party" *NEXT* Sunday, March 15 after worship in the Fellowship Hall. If you were a Secret Agent or Jr. Agent, we invite you to attend and celebrate a year of generational discipleship and connection. Know who your Secret Agent is? You could win a prize! Please RSVP to Joy Briggs (craig_briggs@frontier.com) if you and your family plan to attend!

SERVING IN KIDS MINISTRY—There are three new ways you can be involved in Children's Ministry without having to teach a lesson or commit a lot of time! *Crazy About Crafts*: Help preparing crafts and activities for children's programming. *GO to Gamer*: Leading and organizing games for Kids Worship. Great for someone with high energy, an athlete or student. *Drama, Drama, Drama*: Organizing and performing skits for Kids Worship. Please contact Amanda Fuls (amanda@covenantcommunitypc.org) for more details, or mark your interest on the back of today's Connection Card.

OTHER NEWS

BUY SCRIP— March Madness, St. Patty's Day, and Spring break are just around the corner! Stop by the Scrip table to learn more! To accommodate these upcoming events, stop by the Scrip table for restocked Same Day Quick Picks of all your favorites! We have restaurants, theaters, clothing, grocery, sporting goods, home improvement and even Amazon gift cards! \$10 options are available! Over 750-plus national merchants means so much to choose from. Find out more and get all your questions answered by seeing Pam Higgins (715-573-8067) or Kate Lillie (715-581-9666). *Next monthly orders are due March 22, with deliveries on March 29.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

24TH ANNUAL CCPC MISSION AUCTION & DINNER THANK YOU!— A huge THANK YOU to all who donated, volunteered, attended, and prayed for our auction this year! This event is central to raising money for the missions ministries here at CCPC, and it could not take place without the help, hard work, and giving of everyone involved. We'd also like to thank all of the local businesses that contributed in different ways! Please see today's insert with a list of all those establishments, and let's make sure we thank them for their support by giving them ours!

CCPC 101—Interested in learning about our church family and the process of becoming a member? Do you know someone who might? Join us immediately following worship *TODAY* in the Bouldin Hall meeting room! Food and childcare are available for this session, which will end around 1:45pm. Please mark your interest in the class on the back of today's Connection Card, or contact Drew Bouché at drew@covenantcommunitypc.org if you would like to attend.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE—This year's Holy Week schedule is as follows:
Palm Sunday Service - April 5 at 10am; Maundy Thursday - April 9 at 7pm; Good Friday Service - April 10 at 7pm; Easter Sunday Services - April 12 at 8am and 10am.

SAVE-THE-DATE: EGGSTRAVAGANZA 2020—Join us for an egg hunt of egg-normous proportions at CCPC's Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 11 from 8:30–11:30am. There will be a pancake breakfast, petting zoo, four egg hunts for toddlers and elementary-aged children, face painting, and other family fun activities! Please register your children for the egg hunts by going to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/eggstravaganza>. This is a "rain-or-shine," FREE event for the whole community, so invite all your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers!

EGGSTRAVAGANZA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—We are on the hunt for volunteers to assist with our Eggstravaganza on April 11. If you would like to greet families at the door, check-in the kiddos for the hunts, oversee fun games and activities, paint faces or flip pancakes... we have a spot for you! All are welcome to help, as this is one of CCPC's biggest community events of the year. If you are interested, mark the back of today's Connection Card and/or go to <https://www.covenantcommunitypc.org/eggstravaganza> to sign yourself up for duty!

EGG STUFFING DONATIONS NEEDED—We are aiming to stuff around 2000 eggs for this year's Eggstravaganza, so your help is needed! If you would like to purchase and donate small wrapped candy and/or non-candy options for eggs, *please drop them off at church in the conference room next to Dan Frost's office.* All items need to be in by March 29!

SERVICE AND MISSIONS

PINE RIDGE, SD MISSION TRIP - DEADLINE CHANGED— We're heading to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota from Saturday, July 25 through Saturday, August 1, 2020. This trip is open to youth and adults, with rising 6-8 graders needing a parent or guardian accompanying them. The cost is \$400 for adults and \$300 for youth. If you are interested in attending, please see the back of today's Connection Card to be contacted for further information. You can also pick up a registration form at The Hub. *Note that we need you to be signed up, with a \$100 deposit by SUNDAY, MARCH 29!*

***Prayer of Confession:**

Almighty God, you seen in us potential that we have not seen in ourselves. You proclaim that we are a chosen race, when we doubt that anyone would ever choose us. You name us a royal priesthood, while we see ourselves as ordinary and unfaithful. You call us a holy nation, but we see unholy divisions. You say we are your people; we often feel like we simply belong to ourselves.

You are the God Who Really Sees, and we choose to trust your vision of us. Forgive us for living in ways unworthy of your chosen, royal, holy people. Forgive us for seeing others in any way other than how you see them. Help us today to travel with faith as our eyes and Christ as our light.

(We keep a moment of silence for reflection.)

***Assurance of Pardon:**

Acts 16:31

Paul and Silas give us this simple instruction: "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." Believe the gospel; in Christ, our sins are forgiven. Alleluia!

Amen!

***Gloria Patri:**

#581

Children's Message:

[Children may come forward for a short lesson and prayer.]

**NOTE Children ages 2-3rd grade are invited to Kids Worship in the activity room downstairs. Parent pick up is required after worship. Kids in 4th grade and up will participate in main worship; there are activity bags or sermon notes in the Narthex.

***Period of Fellowship: Welcome one another as Christ welcomes you.**

***Hymn:**

"Jesus Calls Us" (vs. 1,2,4)

#720

Please fill out top portion of the connection cards found in your bulletin

Proclaiming the Word

Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4-8 Page 698

Special Music: "Peace Prayer" Deb Perrin

New Testament: Acts 16:11-40 Page 136

Sermon: On The Road Again: Diamonds in the Rough Jim Gates

Responding to the Word

***Hymn:** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" (vs. 1,2,3) #700

***Affirmation of Faith:** *Apostles Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory Music: *Chriss Altis*

***Doxology**

Those participating in the Children's Choir are dismissed for practice.

Bearing and Following the Word into the World

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction:** "O God, You Are My God" #743

Postlude: *Chriss Altis*

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for donuts, cookies, and coffee.

***John Jacobs - Office Manager/Bookkeeper:* John grew up in the Fox Valley area and moved to Weston in 2000 to work for the Village as the Finance Director/Treasurer. He recently retired after 29 years in municipal service, including three different communities in Wisconsin. John continues to explore a variety of opportunities in customer service, including serving the Lord and the congregation at CCPC. While not at work, John enjoys traveling and is well on his way to visiting all 50 states, as well as 10 provinces/3 territories in Canada. He also plans to visit every National Park at least once. John is a huge fan of all Wisconsin sports teams, including the Badgers, Packers, Brewers, and Bucks. In his little spare time, he enjoys all kinds of movies and music and plays the piano for fun.**

Welcome to Covenant Community!

We consider it a privilege to have you worship with us and sincerely hope you get a blessing from the service. Some notes to help you be more comfortable during the service:

- † Please participate in congregational responses (bold)
- † Please stand as able, as marked with an asterisk *
- † Please fill out the Connection Card insert.
- † Feel free to use the Cry Room (you will be able to see & hear the service) and/or Nursery located across from the sanctuary
- † Hearing devices are available in the orange box in the Narthex.

HOW TO JOIN THIS CHURCH—The officers and members of CCPC welcome all persons who wish to respond to the Lordship of Jesus Christ by confessing or reaffirming their Christian Faith or by transferring their membership. We invite you to accept this invitation if you do not have a church home. Please speak with Jim Gates, note your interest on the Connection Card, or phone the church office (715) 359-6467. You are welcome here.

THANK YOU—to all who help make this morning's Worship and Fellowship meaningful: Worship Leader **Deb Tice**; Elder Greeters **Kari Kufahl & Lori Kibler**; Greeters **Dale & Jane Poland**; Fellowship Hour **Jerry & Julie Trebus**; Gatekeeper **Dave Tice**; Projection Team **Drew Bouché**; Live Streaming Operator **Derek Nelson**; The Hub **Deb Wakefield**

PRAYER REQUESTS—**Dorothy Swazee** (Mountain Terrace), **Bess Vick** (The Benedictine), **Cheryl Lenz** (Colby), **Dee Jenkins** (Home), **Greg Falkowski** (Home), **Tom Scott** (Home), and **Don Hawkins** (Home) were in the hospital recently or reside in assisted-care.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

TODAY	11:15 a.m.	CCPC 101
		Confirmation Luncheon
Monday	5:30 p.m.	Mission Committee Meeting
	6:30 p.m.	Admin. Committee Meeting
Tuesday	12:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study & Lunch
Wednesday	3:00 p.m.	Food Pantry
	6:00 p.m.	Salt & Light Youth Group
		Bell Choir Practice
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
Thursday	10:00 a.m.	Craft Group
	12:00 p.m.	Lunch Bunch
		Old Guys Rule (Kelly Club)
	7:00 p.m.	Sheepshead
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Institute of Discipleship (I.D.)
	10:00 a.m.	Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Children's Choir Practice
	11:15 a.m.	Secret A.G.E.N.T.S. Reveal Party